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1. In 1945 the Soviets dismantled the Stassfurt (M 52/D 66) soda factory's modern part comprising the power station and the fractionating tower (Fallturmanlage). The production installations remaining at the plant were the old power station, the carbonizers (Karbonisatoren), the distillation and the lime kiln departments. The plant, originally owned by the Preussag and the Firm Thomas Goldschmidt, was expropriated in 1945. The plant has been an enterprise of the VVB (Z) Alcid since early in 1950. Light calcined soda is produced by the plant according to the Solvay process. About 60,000 tons of soda were produced in 1950. *
2. Since mid-January 1950 the plant has been headed by H. Schmidt, an expert allegedly coming from Heinrichshall. ** The present provisional commercial manager Bonnack, (fnu), will allegedly be dismissed soon. The production manager of the plant is Dr. Finchener, (fnu), a former member of the Nazi Party and now an SED sympathizer. The manager of the power station is engineer Schade, (fnu), who is a convinced SED member. The new personnel chief is Rommel, (fnu), an SED fanatic. [redacted] Scheinhardt, is chairman of the SED plant division.
3. The total number of workers at the Stassfurt plant is about 700. The work force is larger than necessary. Wages and salaries therefore represent about 35 percent of the total production costs, which is far beyond the normal share. However, this high labor figure cannot be reduced, because the antiquated condition of the installations necessitates frequent repairwork.

* Comment: The total soda requirement of the Soviet Zone is estimated at 300,000 to 400,000 tons annually. In addition to the Stassfurt soda factory there is another Soviet Zone factory in Buchenau (L 51/G 65) with an annual capacity of 30,000 to 35,000 tons. Both plants together therefore can not meet the Soviet Zone needs even if their installations are utilized to capacity. Under the Five-Year-Plan a new soda plant will be built in Stassfurt with annual capacity of about 100,000 tons and the dismantled Solvay Plant in Bernburg (M 52/D 76) will be reconstructed with an annual capacity of 200,000 tons.

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This plant, also an enterprise of the VVB (Z) Alcid, produces sulphuric acid, hydrochloric acid, aluminum sulphate, sodium sulphate (Schwefelnatrium), phosphate (Gluebphosphate) etc. The plant is also an enterprise of the VVB (Z) Alcid.

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